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Heating and Cooling Rebate Cash Now Half Gone

Program Now Focusing On Helping Hoosiers Reduce Home Cooling Costs

(Indianapolis) Lt. Governor Becky Skillman reported today the Indiana Heating and Cooling Incentive Program (IHIP), which provides rebates for the purchase and installation of Energy Star Rated furnaces, boilers, central air conditioners and heat pumps, has now paid out 50 percent of the money available in the program.

“In its first 98 days, The IHIP program had distributed nearly \$3 million in rebates,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who oversees the Office of Energy Development. “Our team was praised for putting together a great rebate plan, and the efficiency of this process is putting money into Hoosiers’ hands extremely quickly.”

IHIP is the Indiana program that is part of the federal State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP). Indiana received \$6.1 million for the program, which will remain active until the funds are exhausted. Rebates range from \$150 to \$1,000 depending on the technology being installed. As of May 6, 2010, the average rebate was \$402.

As we enter warmer months in Indiana, the IHIP program can be a benefit for those needing to replace older, less efficient central air conditioner units or heat pumps. The rebate for a central air unit is \$150, while replacing an older heat pump can qualify for a rebate between \$500 and \$1,000 depending on the technology.

The IHIP rebate is in addition to any available utility company rebates as well as state and federal tax incentives.

“At the risk of sounding like an infomercial, there couldn’t be a better time to buy,” said Lt. Governor Skillman.

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Included in the rebate program:

Energy Star Rated Technology	Incentive
Gas Furnace > 92% AFUE*	\$300
Gas Boiler > 85% AFUE	\$500
Central air conditioner > 14.5 SEER**	\$150
Heat pump (air to air)***	\$500
Heat pump (geothermal)****	\$1,000

The equipment must be installed by a Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) contractor licensed and located in the state of Indiana. OED has provided information about the program to over 4,000 HVAC installers. Consumers and installers can learn more about the program as well as download rebate forms and other materials at the IHIP Web site, <http://www.INenergyefficiency.com>. The Web site is also linked from OED's Web site, www.energy.IN.gov.

Consumers without Internet access can call 800-573-3503 to have a copy of the form mailed to them.

The rebates are available to help offset the cost of a heating and cooling system purchased and installed on or after February 1, 2010 in any single family home in Indiana. To qualify, the home must be the primary residence of the homeowner. If replacing more than one technology, a household may be eligible for multiple rebates, but there are restrictions on the total rebate amount any single household may receive.

Rebate forms can be downloaded, and mailed in with the appropriate documentation regarding the purchase and installation. The rebate application must be received within 30 days of the date the equipment was purchased. Rebate checks will be mailed back to those Hoosiers who qualify within 4 to 8 weeks.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov, or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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*AFUE: Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency

**SEER: Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio

** *Must be > 8.2 heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF)/ > 14.5 seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER)/> 12 energy efficiency rating (EER) for split systems, >8.0 HSPF/>14 SEER/>11 EER for single-package equipment, including gas/electric-package units.

****Open loop: >3.6 coefficient of performance (COP); >16.2 EER.

Closed loop: >3.3 COP; >14.1 EER

Direct expansion (DX): >3.5 COP; > 15 EER.